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THINKING OUT LOUD

By H. M. L.

Yesterday was Independence Day and to us that day takes on a new significance. For 169 years we, the people of the United States, have been declaring our independence of many things. The original celebration, of independence was to signalize our complete and total severance from English government. Then in 1812 we again declared our independence of that country's attempts to control our merchant marine.

We have been, it seems, a very independent nation, developing independence of everything we disliked, with every year of growth. In the 1840s we helped Texas declare its independence of Mexico, and Texas, freed by the exertions of all the states, has been the most independent state of the Union. A Texan comes first from Texas and second from the United States.

Then in 1861 the majority of the people decided to make all of the people independent of slavery as an institution and after four years of bloody war, it did just that. Of course, we have inherited a lot of prejudices from that war and we are not as independent as we would like to be of racial hatreds that grew out of the war, but in time we may be as free of prejudice as Abe Lincoln was when he manumitted the slaves.

Then in 1898 we grew tired of having martyred Cuba on our southern doorstep and not only freed Cuba, but also the Philippines and Puerto Rico. Incidentally Spain received such a drubbing as it had not had since Lord Howard and adverse winds wrecked the Armada in 1588. Since then we have freed Cuba and made it as independent as it wants to be, and are well on the way to making the Philippines independent, perhaps more independent than they would like to be. In due time we shall get around to Puerto Rico. The principle curse on that fair island seems to be a high birth rate and limited area..

Still striding along independently in a world that generally did not realize just how independnt we are, we entered a war in 1916 to end all wars. We were just that idealistic and independent. We did not wish to see the independene of Great Britain and France impaired, and above all else, we did not want any Hun to think he could sink our ships with impunity. In fact, though our merchant marine has always been kicked around in peace time, it is highly unsafe for any outsider to take liberties with our ships, even to lay a finger on them so to speak. That deep rooted feeling of our right to traverse the sea unimpeded, dates back, of course, to 1812.

So in World War I, we vindicated our right to traverse the seas, and also bolstered England and France in their democracies and democratic freedoms. The licking we gave the Germans, it turned out, taught them nothing, except to wage war in a bigger and better way the next time. Even today we doubt if one German in ten thousand has a bare inkling of how independent the Americans are. So independent they will fight at the drop of the hat when anyone even remotely challenges their independence.

It was a frightful blow that the Japs gave us at Pearl Harbor, but the fighting words that brought us all up standing and rarin' to go was the threat of Admiral Yamamoto that he would write Japan's peace terms in Washington. That was a threat, a very silly threat to be sure, against our independence, and it made us mightily resolve to write the peace treaty, when it is written, in Tokyo, and quite likely in the imperial palace of the Heavenly One.

On Independence Day we think of independence, naturally, and reviewing the people of world we don't find any of them, with the possible exception of Great Britain, who are as independent as we in the United States. And, San Francisco charter or not, it might be advisable for any nation that aspires, too late in the world's evolution, to world mastery, to carefully peruse the history of the Independent United States.

SMOKER OUT OF BOUNDS FINED

George W. Williams of Alleghany was fined $5 by Justice C. W. Robbins in Downieville yesterday for smoking in the vicinity of Henness Pass, a closed area, announced District Ranger Warren Barnes in charge of the Bloomfield district of the Tahoe forest. Williams was arrested by Patrolman Charles Parsons after he had been previously warned not to smoke by fire control assistant William Nelson of Downieville. Since fire season is upon us, all patrolmen have been instructed to enforce all fire laws and will be especially on the lookout for infractions of the smoking and campfire laws.

Smoking is permitted at camp grounds places of habitation and at designated areas. Although smoking is permitted on state highway and the main county roads burning material should never be thrown from either vehicles horseback or while on foot. In addition permits must be in possession before building a camp fire, warned Barnes.

LITTLE INCREASE IN TAX LEVY IN NEVADA COUNTY

Property levies in Nevada county for 1944-45 totalled $484,549 compared with the $481,767 levy for last year, the California taxpayers association said, making public its analysis of local tax levies.

The levy in the county for county purposes totalled $256,738 for 1945 compared with 0271,167 for 1844. General city property tax levies totalled $35,975 for 1945 compared with $35,547 for the year before. Tax levies for the school districts in the county totalled $184,765 for 1945 compared with $168,051 for the preceding year. Special district tax levies amounted to $7071 for 1945 compared with $7008 for 1944.

Over the state as a whole property taxes levied for 1945 totalled $337,865,647 an increase of $24,390,402 or 8 per cent above the $313,475,145 levied for 1944. The levy for county purposes totalled $123,122,854 for 1945, compared with $118,205,982 for the preciding year. General city levies totalled $72,949,812 for 1945 compared with $69,982,326 for 1944. Levies for the school districts amounted to $118,110,226 for 1945 compared with $104,262,937 for the year before. Special district levies totalled $22,683,049 for 1945 compared with $22,108,848 for 1944.

Chico Woman Succumbs in Grass Valley

Mrs. Julian Ann Thomas, of Chico who had been visiting relatives in Grass Valley for the past 30 days died this morning at 1:30 o'clock after a brief illness.

Mrs. Thomas leaves her husband James M. Thomas of Chico, five sons Albert J. and Charles F. Thomas, of Grass Valley, James D. and Earl Thomas of Tucson, Arizona, and Edmond Thomas of Chico, and three daughters, Mrs. Myrtle J. Jefferson of Washington state, Mrs. Louise Hausman and Mrs. Edward Law both of Chico. Surviving are ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mrs. Thomas was born in Missouri 66 years ago. Funeral arrangements are pending with Hooper and Weaver Mortuary.

Allison Simmons New Grass Valley Mayor

Allison Simmons, newly elected to the Grass Valley city council, has been chosen mayor. The motion to elect Simmons was made by Mayor John R. Thomas and seconded by Lloyd Weeks, another new council member.

Thomas was made mayor pro tem in event Simmons should be unable to act at any time during his four year tenure. All three were sworn into office by City Attorney William Cassettari.

NOR. CALIFORNIA LAGS IN SALES OF E BONDS

With Northern California still more than 30 per cent behind its quota in the sale of E bonds to individuals for the Seventh War Loan, there is still a chance of attaining the goal.

W. W. Crocker, Northern California chairman of the Treasury's Finance Committee, explains that all series E F and G bonds and series C savings notes bought this week and processed through the federal reserve bank up to the end of business on Monday, July 9, will be credited to the state's E bond quota.

"I hope that the people of Northern California will avail themselves of this opportunity," Crocked said, "Certainly we do not want to record failure in our efforts in this drive to reach the quota in E bonds which the government has fixed for us.

"Our brave fighting men have done and still are doing their part. Do we want them to feel that we at home cannot do ours? Let's buy more and more bonds in the few days remaining and bring the counties of Northern California over the top. We owe that to our country, to its valient defenders—and to ourselves as well."

CHINESE BACK SAN FRANCISCO PEACE CHARTER

CHUNGKING, July 2—Commenting the signing of the charter of the world organization, in San Francisco, Dr. Wang Shih Chieh, minister of information issued a statement as follows:

"The delegates of fifty nations assembled in San Francisco all gave their final approval to the charter of the world organization. In the course of making the charter, both great and small powers have demonstrated a strong will to peace and a high sense of responsibility for its maintenance. Not one regard the instrument adopted as fully satisfactory. But all imperfections in the present charter can be made up either by future amendments or by developments of the spirit of cooperation and conciliation among the united nations as shown in San Francisco.

China will be as loyal and zealous in the fight for peace as she has been in the prosecution of war. And bringing the world organization into being, the leaders of the American government deserve our special appreciation. They have had to struggle hard for unity and harmony of the United Nations like all of us, but, unlike the governments of Great Britain, Russia or China, the American government also had to overcome enormous difficulties in achieving unity on the home front. Now the leaders of the American government have accomplished both. While in 1919 Woodrow Wilson could speak on the league covenant only for his party, President Truman is the leader of the same party now speaking for the whole people of the United States.

BAY AREA BUSINESS MAKES NEW RECORD

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5—Nearly a billion dollars more than this time last year—that is the record of business transactions in the San Francisco bay region for the first four months of 1945, as announced by the Chamber of Commerce.

April alone was 10.7 per cent higher than April 1944—$2,128,153,000 as against $1,922,980,000 the year before. Building permit values, real estate operations, and department store sales accounted for the major portion of the $8,905,000 total for January 1 to April 30 of this year.

However, living costs in the district during April were 3.4 per cent above those of April 1944.

Announcements have been receieved in this city of the birth of Ronald Charles Pratt on June 30th. Mrs. Pratt is the former Miss Clara Angiolini. With her husband R. C. Pratt she now lives in San Francisco.

THOUSANDS SEE FOURTH PARADE

Sidewalks were packed with spectators who yesterday watched the colorful and spectacular parade as it marched through Grass Valley streets in three divisions, expressing the patriotism of this venerable mining town on the Fourth.

The parade forming in Hills Flat, adjacent on the east to Grass Valley, was preceeded by a detail of California highway patrolmen, followed by the grand marshal, Major Leonard Abbott of Camp Beale, mounted on a spirited horse. After him came detachments of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, their auxiliaries, the Nevada County Band, World War II servicemen in uniform the Goddess of Liberty, Miss Helen Vincent, both charming and majestic in white and gold incesture, and fraternal and civic organizations, all marching to the rythm of drums or martial music.

The second division was head by Fred Redman of the Lady Jane Ranch, followed by Nevada County 4-H clubs, AFL Carpenters Union, Earl Covey in an amplifier car M.rs. Marilyn DeLano, Boy Scouts, Cubs, Girl Scouts, honored guests and program participants, Townsend Club, mercantile floats, and horsemen and horsewomen on spirited mounts.

The third was the Nevada City division, with floats of business houses, horsemen, the Nevada City Fire Department Drum Corps and the spectacular float, showing the Marines lifting Old Glory on a peak of Iwo Jima.

The parade lasted an hour and at 11 o'clock the Veterans Memorial Building on South Auburn Street was filled with citizens and men and women in uniform. The speaker was Capt. I. N. McCollom of Camp Beale's separation center.

In the afternoon Cliff DeBerry gave an exhibition of aerial acrobatics over Gilmore Field, sports and games occupied children and adults in Memorial Park, a mucking contest attracted a large crowd and the fight with water hose between Nevada City and Grass Valley firemen gave spectators a thrill and laugh.

The two floats eliciting most applause from the sidewalks were the Iwo Jima float of the Nevada City Fire Department and the resplendent float on which stood Miss Helen Vincent, Goddess of Liberty.

DELEGATES CLEAR S. F. OF HOMBURG HATS

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5—As the delegates to the United Nations conference on international organization departed they left behind them heavily depleted stocks of merchandise, according to a survey made by sportswear manufacturers.

The survey shows that with few exceptions retail stores experienced marked increase in buying, directly attributed to heavy purchases by conference delegates.

Most heavily tapped were stocks of piece goods, with approximately 40 per cent of all delegates purchases in the one commodity. Purchases ran to luxury yardage raw silks and good woolens. Wash materials and rayons were also active.

Delegates stocked up on men's wear, principally accessory items such as hosiery, handkerchiefs, and white shirts, with 20 per cent of all purchases falling into this category.

Delegates wives replenished their supply of blouses and rayon hosiery during their San Francisco stay, with nearly 10 per cent of purchases running to these items.

Both delegates and their wives did heavy buying in exclusive jewelry stores; in some instances purchasing gold and silver identification bracelets, silver ash trays and cocktail sets in dozen lots. Silver service was another big item on their shopping list.

The Homburg hat, generally scorned by San Franciscans and therefore constituting a virtual dead stock, cannot now be found in any store or haberdashery. The Homburg identified with the striped trousered diplomat, got a big play by visiting delegates.

JAP PRISONERS PUT ON FOLLIES

KINAWA (Delayed) — Japanese prisoners of war recently staged a Stockade Follies, here, according to Staff Sgt. George E. McMillan, Marine Corps combat correspondent.

It was an impromptu show, held in the middle of the barbed wire enclosure to which prisoners return each night after working outside under Marine supervision.

The prisoners formed a stage by squatting on the ground in a circle. Two banjo players stepped forward with their three stringed instruments and began strumming away in native discords.

Hauled Onto Stage

Each of the performers had to be coaxed sometimes hauled by his comrades to the stage. The banjo players would change tempo and tune to furnish incidental music for the acts.

The first performer came out of his tent wearing a black striped kimono with a purple sash, and began a swaying sinuous dance.

Geisha, geisha, grinned one of the POWs in explanation. He spoke a little English.

Hit of the show was a more-American than American crooning of Blue Heaven, by a tenor who wore a white panama hat and sang with his eyes closed.

Rudy Vallee, suggested the English speaking soldier.

Barber Shop Quartet

Next came the Okinawa version of a barber shop quartet. At the top of their voices, as if it were a contest which would be won by volume four of the prisoners sang Auld Lang Syne. The effect was that of a nursery at mealtime—babies unfed—but the applause was terrific.

One of the banjo players was persuaded to take the stage. Using a long pole for a spear, he began a war dance stamping his bare feet on the ground, thrusting the spear toward the audience. Applause was slight, perhaps because the soldiers were weary of war.

The tempo of the banjo increased and the men began clapping in time calling out encouragement. The climax was a fast spin, after which the dancer sat down, disdaining pleas for an encore.

Hot stuff, said the very friendly Jap who spoke a little English.

It had grown dark and the interpreter ordered the prisoners back to their tents.

REV. PIKE WILL GO TO WOODLAND

The annual Methodist conference at Stockton, it is announced, has assigned Rev. Mark Pike, pastor of the Grass Valley Methodist Church for five years to the First Methodist Church at Woodland.

Suceeeding Rev. Pike in the pastorate is Rev. Jesse Rudkin Methodist minister of Placerville, El Dorado County. Rev. Rudkin will preach his first sermon in Grass Valley on July 14th.

Rev. Pike has made many improvements in the church building, Wesley Hall, and in the financial system for support of the church and its activities. New members of the church during his pastorate number 134; baptisms 128. He has taken an active part in club and faternal life. Through his efforts a $4,000 debt against the church property was paid.

ACCUSED OF DRUNKEN DRIVING

James P. Boatwright of the Oaks subdivision, who recently suffered a leg amputation, is under arrest and charged with driving while intoxicated in Grass Valley.

Driving west on Main street Saturday night, it is alleged that he collided with a car driven by C. R. Lombardi. Boatwright admitted he had had one drink but insisted he was not intoxicated. Subjected to medical examination, he was pronounced drunk.

CAR STOLEN

Paul Atkinson residing on the Nevada City-Grass Valley Highway, reported to the California Highway Patrol Monday that his Chevrolet coupe had been stolen from in front of his home some time between 3 and 5 a. m.

EDWARD STEELE IN STATE POST

Edward Steele, manager of the Grass Valley office of the U. S. Employment Service has resigned his post to accept employment as unemployment insurance examiner for the California state department of employment. Steele began his new duties Monday.

Steele was manager of the office here, until four years ago, when as a reserve non-commissoned officer in the U. S. Marines, he was called back to service in the Pacific. He received his honorable discharge six months ago and resumed his former post in the employment service.

Camp Fire Girls Flock to Lake Vera

Lake Vera's shores are again populated wth camp fire girls from Sacramento Oakland, Piedmont and Vallejo. The Sacramento girls occupy Camp Minaluta, Camp Augusta, and Oakland girls Camp Celio. Their vacation season began June 20th with the arrival of councillors and advisors.

Most recent arrivals are Camp Fire Girls from Vallejo, Solano, who arrived Saturday in two big busses to spend their vacation in Gold Hollow on the banks of the lake.

Japs Make Themselves Human Land Mines

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Christian Science Society of Nevada City holds services every Sunday in their church, 114 Boulder St. at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. A Wednesday evening testimonial meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month at eight o'clock. Our reading room at 310 Broad St. is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, holidays excepted from 2 to 4 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend out services and the reading room.

"As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup ye do show the Lord's death till he come" (I Cor. 11:26). This verse is the golden text for the Christian Science Lesson-Sermon on "Sacrament" to be read Sunday July 8.

The following citations are taken from the sermon.

From the Bible: "And as they were eating Jesus took bread and blessed it and brake it and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body" (Matt. 26.26).

From Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy. "His true flesh and blood were his life; and they truly eat his flesh and drink his blood who partake of that divine life" p. 25.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Bring the children. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Sermon "The Price of Our Liberty," pastor. Closing hymn, prayer and benediction. The public is cordially invited. Youth Fellowship Group at 6:30 p. m. Preaching service at 7:30 p. m. All members and friends are invited.

Week events. The WSCS will meet at 11:30 a. m. in business session. Wednesday luncheon at 12:30 p. m. which will be followed by a good program. All members and friends are invited. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. followed by the official board meeting.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT TO BE FLOWN EAST

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5—California fruit and vegetables will be flown to eastern markets in large quantities after the war, W. A. Patterson, president of the United Air Lines in San Francisco on a nation-wide inspection tour said.

San Joaquin Valley growers are especially enthusiastic. California products delivered by air sell for a third higher in the east than the same products brought in by surface transportation.

At present only one plane a week is taking fruit and vegetables east, and that one only because it would otherwise have to return empty. Before products can be flown in large quantities a sufficient number of planes will have to be made available and plans will have to be worked out with eastern manufacturers and producers to find cargo for the return trip.

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GOODBYE, UNITED NATIONS, COME AGAIN

"Oh, what a great day this can be in history."

With these spontaneous words, not in his prepared speech, President Truman began his address at the last plenary session of the UNCIO.

It was a great day, not only for the whole world, but for that special part of it which for nine weeks had been host to the leaders of the world—San Francisco and the region surrounding it.

We liked our guests and they liked us. As Francisco Delgado, of the Philippine delegation said: "We have learned to like you so much that we actually hate to part from you."

At the last session, speaker after speaker had words of praise for the hospitality of California and San Francisco: Wellington Koo of China, Andrei Gromyko of the USSR, Pedro Leao Velloso of Brazil. "It was fitting that we should have met in a great Ameican city." Said the Earl of Halifax. "From now on, San Francisco should be called the City of Peace," said H. R. H. Amir Paisal ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia.

The climax came when Joseph Paul Concour, delegate from France, presented to the conference a testimonial "in recognition of innumerable coutesies and manifestations of spontaneous hospitality," and of "the efforts of the citizens of San Francisco". By this testimonial the chairman of delegations unanimousy and entuhsiastically expressed their "heartfelt thanks" to the state and city.

Indeed the delegates did not leave without making sure they would return. Embodied in the report of Delgado was a proposal, originating with the Turkish delegation, that the conference planned for 1955 to amend the charter be held in San Francisco.

That this sentiment was reciprocated, that we liked our guests and want them to come again, was evidenced by Mayor Lapham's farewell message to the conference:

"We who dwell on the shore of the great bay of San Francisco have been honored by your presence and are happy if we have contributed in some small measure to the success of your meeting. Kodspeed, and a warm welcome whenever you return."—Contributed.

ONE SMALL CANDLE

The United Nations conference on international organization is history. No man can say today nor for many years to come whether or not the great charter, signed by the representatives of 50 nations will bind the world in lasting peace, or whether it will be an utterly meaningless document to future generations. Men and events beyond our time must answer that.

He would be a cynic, however, who would argue that a first step, however, faltering, has not been taken toward world peace. Any international federation, organized with the expectation that nations would hand over all executive power of foreign policy to a mixed international body, would be doomed from the start. But a world federation dedicated to the common ideal world peace whose members may consult each other with an element of mutual understanding, and whose auspices offer an ultimate means of collective security, surely will strengthen and fortify the basis on which enduring peace may build.

"No peace system will be entirely watertight," remarked Lord Cranborne, Dominion Secretary, on the final day of the conference. "But the alternative is so frightful we must make every effort to make our peace system work."

Five years ago a gun that could fire 50 miles was a phenomenon, but in the last six months rocket pojectiles have poured into London from 200 miles away. And the rocket principle is capable of indefinite expansion. All things considered, the world simply cannot afford to fight another war.

Imperfect as the initial work of the conference undoubtedly is, its offer of settlement of quarrels by agreement is the only alternative to settlement by war. The great light of certain peace may not break over the world for some time to come. Meanwhile, it is better, certainly, "to light one small candle than to urse the darkness."—Contrbiuted.

WAY CLEARED FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT

With passage by the legislature of the bill for urban rehabilitation, San Francisco and all California communities, were given the green light to go ahead in two directions—toward reconstruction of blighted city areas and toward realization of post war development plans.

The new law, variously known as the urban rehabilitation or community redevelopment act, enables cities to use the power of eminent domain to condemn dilapidated districts, and to reconstruct theme in accordance with master plans developed by individual communities. It permits condemnation, razing, and rearrangement of substandard areas, and their transformation into desirable public or residential projects.

In San Francisco the primary postwar plan in the first category will be reconstruction of the old Japtown followed by renovation of the blighted areas covered by most of the western addition.

In the second category the No. 1 projects are the establishment of a $35,000,000 world trade center, privately financed, to house consular officials, foreign trade groups, banks, and communication companies; and the building of a new wholesale commission district, to be known as the San Francisco wholesale produce terminal.

Other cities will have other plans, but the whole state—and particularly the northern and central sections—will benefit by the new law. It will ease the critical housing shortage and ttract national and international trade to the communities which take advantage of it.—Contributed.

WASHINGTON, WEST COAST COOPERATION

While the UNCIO absorbed international, national and state attention another conference was being held in Portland, of extreme importance to California.

There, representatives of the three Pacific coast states met to form a permanent board to promote intergovernmental cooperation between the nation's capital and the coast. The first meeting of the board will be held in San Francisco on September 21, with Governor Earl Warren presiding. The board consists of 12 coast representatives and 11 members of federal agencies.

No part of the country will have greater post war industrial and political problems to meet than California, and the necessity for such a clearing house is obvious. As attorney general Robert W. Kenny told the conference, "the coast is an exposed economic salient, and even Washington officials at last recognize that it has special problems."

The probability that major war industries in California will end, while the majority of the in-migrants who manned them plan to remain, creates an economic difficulty of the first magnitude. The way to solve it is frank discussion and the promotion of two-way cooperative effort between state and federal authorities. The formation of the interstate board is a step in the right direction and on its success will largely depend the postwar posperity of this section of the country—Contributed.

DOC BRADEN'S POINTS

By Capt. Robt. Durbrow

Doc Braden's fate was very sad
He'd bragged of all the points he had;
He said he'd be at home to stay
Within a week from VE day.
In Normandy, the Rhine, the Harz
He'd earned himself some campaign stars.
He'd romped the Rohr and ripped the Ruhr,
A combat medic, for sure;
But combat medics don't get points,
They just get old with squeaky joints,
They fix a guy that's just been hit,
And send him back the road a bit.
Then duck some mortar shell or shot
And that makes lines where lines were not;
But let me add, I can't resist,
You don't get points for being missed.
Now Doc unwitttingly piled up scores
Before he sailed for foreign shores
A conscientious worker he
He builded up a family
Twelve points a chld, and that times two
Or twenty four, is quite a few.
Doc's total score for service years
For campaign stars and little dears
For touring England, Ireland, Wales
(All overseas time tips the scales)
It added up to 111 (one eleven)
Ooh, la, la, was he in heaven.
Eighty five was all it took
To catch the boat for Sandy Hook.
But one eleven, what a lot.
He'd catch a plane or so he thought.

The weeks have passed—and VE day
Was way back there in early May
The Doc was cheerful for awhile
And took his kidding with a smile
He'd say my orders must be slow
But just the same they'll come, I know.

The war department hasn't failed
To read the scores which we have mailed
And one eleven stood quite high
Among them but—and here I sigh
Just take your record Doc and see
How good is your efficiency
You stand out there among the best
You've met the army's rigid test,
My best advice to you is this
Just give that U. S. trip a kiss
Put one eleven in a frame
And underneath it write your name
Then hang it in the fram to it is seen
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OKINAWA NEW U.S. CONQUEST IS BEAUTIFUL FERTILE ISLAND

By Staff Sgt. James F. Moser, Jr.

OKINAWA (Delayed) — This is Okinawa—an island as different to Marines from other conquered Pacific islands as fertile farms in Indiana to the desert wastes of Utah.

There are no coconut trees. no dense jungles—except in the northern part; no intense heat and humidity, as Marines have seen and experienced elsewhere. Okinawa is large and beautiful—not a coral atoll, or a crusty tip of some dead and forgotten volcano.

It is, however of volcanic origin, with a great part sunk beneath the sea. Enough remains of it to make up perhaps 60,000 square miles of mountains and fields, hills and valleys—many acres of fertile land, as in the states.

The mountain ranges compare in beauty with those of the eastern United States. There are, however, no Skyline Drives no tourists. There are many valleys, fertile, sloping hillsides for high ridges are numerous.

Terracing Extensive

Good examples of everything Okinawan can be seen on a drive over its many narrow, winding roads. Fields, none larger than two acres dot the island like camouflage paint. All the tiny rice paddies, the bean and cane fields, the sweet potato and wheat plots are terraced.

This s the typical hillside or a fertile valley; perhaps five to 20 fields, each succeeding one lower than the other, drop away from the top of the ridge. When not in cultivation these are tiny semi-circular patches of light and green grass, the difference in shade due to the amount of rainfall. Small ridges six to eight inches high insure catching all rain. Every drop is put to use, every square foot of fertile soil producing farm and garden products.

One farming expert said "if farmers in the state would pattern their soil conservation more on the order of these ancient methods, farm products there would be doubled for tripled."

The terracing of Okinawa however has taken centuries. This was due—and still is— to the crude farming implements, usel mostly by the women. Of the 524,000 Okinawans there are 50,000 more women than men.

Women Do Hard Work

The men are not interested in working, but see that their wives and daughters are. That is, women are ordered to do the hard, manual labor. As they grow old, they are bent from constantly digging in the field. They carry heavy sacks of sweet potatoes rice and beans on their shoulders. The men take what's left from the fields in two wheel carts, pulled by horses.

The people who are a mixture of Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Malayan and now Japanese, are orientals. Women wear kimono like dresses and carry their babies on their back. The men dress in shirts and short pants. Homes of the Okinawans are built mostly of stone and coral foundations. The buildings themselves are a very thin wood with sliding windows and doors. Food is prepared over fires in open concrete ovens in a room adjoining each house. There's nothing modern about Okinawaw—roofs of the houses are of ridged tile or thatched grass. Stone walls around the yards protect the fragile structures from tpphoons which strike the island often.

Nights Cold, Days Hot

One Okinawan said:

The houses can be easy rebuilt, but the walls cannot.

Marines from California are reminded of home by the island's climate. It is now spring on Okinawa. The nights are cold, and the days hot. Actually, since Marines landed here, April 1, there has been very little rain—another California feature.

Many of the hills and ridges of Okinawa house the population's dead. The tombs are of coral and concrete, set in the sloping sides. In many instances almost solid rock was removed from the hillsides to deeper imbed the tombs. The walls are from one to three feet thick.

Only one entrance perhaps two by three feet opens into an interior generally 10 to 12 feet wide and six to eight feet back from the entrance. Hand painted urns, bearing strange figures and Oknawa letters contain the bones of all interred there. The tombs are kept clean. There is nothing else inside—until now. A few marines not afraid of ghosts have moved in to sleep. On occasion the tombs are used as air raid shelters. Only a direct hit by a heavy bomb would disturb yau.

Walls Enclose Burial Tombs

—Most of the burial vaults have a yard enclosed by a concrete wall three to four feet high. A slab closes the entrance to the tomb itself and another stands perhaps three feet from the entrance to the yard. The latter is reported to keep out evil spirits. It blocks a straight line to the tomb's door—and spirits can only walk in a straight line.

The trees of Okinawa are spruce, pine, a species of oak and mulberry, yellow plum, a shrub which resembles a large pineapple, and banana trees. Flowers are numerous, of which gladiolus is the most common.

There are no fences on Okinawa. Horses, cattle, goats and hops are trained to stay at home. In fact, the latter roam throughout their owners houses. All families raise chickens, and there are many wild birds —even mallard ducks during the migratory season.

The only other tame animal native to Okinawa is the white rabbit. There are thousands. But another animal, seldom seen—and it must be awfully lonesome—is an old ragged sheep —the only one on the island.

ON THE-SHURI FRONT, Okinawa (Delayed)—Eight Japs who made human land mines of themselves failed to stop First Marine Division tanks from forcing Wana draw, the last natural barrier before ancient Shuri castle.

The Marines discovered and killed the Jap soldiers before their scheme to blow up the tanks could be carried out reports Sgt. Walter Wood, Marine Corps combat correspondent.

Each Jap a 40 pound dynamite charge strapped to his back, placed himself in a hole in the ground, ready to be run over by the General Sherman tanks as they thundered up the draw.

The Japs were equipped wth rip cords, attached to the explosives, indicating to Marine officers that the Japs were also ready to throw themselves at the tanks and set off their charges if the heavy vehicles had only passed close to their concealed holes.

According to Marine Lt. Bradley E. Place of Rule, Tex., the first of the eight Japs was discovered when First Division veterans picked up a ration box from the ground. There in a perpendicular hole which the ration box covered, was a Jap rigged up like a land mine.

The Marines then searched the area and found seven others, Place said, all of them in holes covered with grass or brush.

JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder at the myriad sounds.
That vex the listening ear,
When we would hear above them all
The notes of victory's clarion call,
And as the sounds of battle cease,
The lilting melodies of peace.

I wonder if we are living in the supreme moment of world history. Truly mankind stands in the valley of decisions, irrevocable decisions must be made, momentous steps taken.

At the security conference in San Francisco our nation clasped hands with forty nine sister nations to form a charmed circle around the world. We have a charter, said Secretary Stettinius and now we must use it, were the simple but forceful words of our president. America must assume leadership in world affairs once she refused the responsibility this time she dare not fail.

The security conference furnished a great demonstration of democracy in action, for all the world to see. Color, race, religious and political faiths were forgotten in the important work of building a frame work for the future peace and stability of the world. East and west met face tto face and found that their hopes and fears their desires and needs were identical. Now can we go on from here?

The eyes of the world so lately focused upon the deliberations of the security conference are now turned searchingly upon the American congress. A speedy ratification of the charter is in order, but how much time will the worthy senators waste in flambuoyant debate? At the present moment we may if we wish observe an example of democracy in reaction. A filibustering gentleman is usurping time which might well be devoted to more useful purposes and earning his increased salary by an exhibition the like of which should be no longer tolerated in any gathering where serious matters demand consideration. We hape that congress will not shame us before the world and that the charter will be ratified in short order. The white light of world publicity shines searchingly upon our representatives. They dare not fail.

Uncle Silas says; Representative Luce is charging again; seems that lady is always hurling charges. If she is not careful we'll be calling her our Clamor Girl, She is a bit strident at times, don't you think—A. Merriam Conner.

San Francisco was the first city in the United States to employ women in active police traffic patrol duty.

California is one of the three most important petroleum producing states of the Union.

HARVEST WORKERS BADLY NEEDED

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5—The supply of imported harvest workers in California this summer will be inadequate to care for the heavy crops expected, the agricultural department of the state chamber of commerce announced.

It is estimated that on July 31, 42,015 foreign workers will be available in this state—39,015 Mexican nationals and 3000 Jamaicans. Between 11,000 and 12,000 German war prisoners will be qualified for and assigned to farm work. But this will not be enough for the large territory to be covered.

Since in many areas housing for agricultural labor is now occupied by industrial war workers, domestic labor—which includes returned veterans and volunteers in youth harvesting camps—will not be able to play much part in harvesting vital food crops, though every effort is being made to employ all available domestic workers before foreign workers.

After reviewing data relating to crop prospects and labor supplies, official authorities and farm groups still are unable to figure how the peak farm harvest can be met without many additional thousands of volunteers workers in the fields and in processing and packing plants.

WHAT DOES THAT TOWN'S NAME MEAN?

San Andreas: For St. Andrew, one of the twelve apostles.

Healdsburg: For H. G. Heald, the founder of the city.

Larkspur: For the flower which covers the nearby hills in spring.

Mojave: From the Indian for three big rocks (the needles).

Randsburg: After the Rand, the South African gold district, because of the discovery of gold near Randsburg in 1893.

Stockton: For Commodore Robert Stockton named by Capt. C. M. Weber when he surveyed the town in 1849. Originally it was called Tuleburg and then El Campo de los Francescos (French Camp...

Goleta: From the Spanish for schooner—named for a schooner built by Capt. W. G. Dana in 1828.

Yonnville: For George C. Yount a settler in 1831.

Chas. Arment and daughter Jacqueline were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hallett. Arment was formerly with the Tahoe national forest iffice in Nevada City and is now being transferred from North Fork to the Susanville office.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McCluskey of Alleghany were week end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Hieronimus.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Austin of Alleghany were visiting in Nevada City Monday.

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RESOURCES

Cash in Vault and in Federal Reserve Bank		$ 558,497,656.48
Due from Banks		267,833,208.54
TOTAL CASH	$ 826,330,865.02	
United States Government Obligations, direct and fully guaranteed		2,608,100,476.24
State, County, and Municipal Bonds		253,873,771.17
Other Bonds and Securities		105,462,204.91
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank		6,092,600.00
Loans and Discounts		931,247,699.05
Accrued Interest and Accounts Receivable		14,889,953.31
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures, and Safe Deposit Vaults		24,794,172.84
Other Real Estate Owned		428,803.29
Customers' Liability on Account of Letters of Credit, Acceptances, and Endorsed Bills		10,525,975.93
Other Resources		104,319.59
TOTAL RESOURCES		$4,781,850,841.35

LIABILITIES

Capital:		
Common (8,000,000 Shares)	$ 100,000,000.00	
Preferred (404,278 Shares)*	8,085,560.00	
Surplus	95,000,000.00	
Undivided Profits	20,034,051.23	
Reserves	4,142,663.26	
Preferred Stock Retirement Fund	162,053.65	
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS		$ 227,424,328.14
Reserve for Bad Debts		8,741,302.60
Deposits: Demand	$2,702,438,180.02	
Deposits: Savings and Time	1,820,115,683.88	4,522,553,863.90
Liability for Letters of Credit and as Acceptor, Endorser, or Maker on Acceptances and Foreign Bills		10,757,753.22
Reserve for Interest Received in Advance		3,825,766.46
Reserve for Interest, Taxes, etc.		8,547,827.03
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$4,781,850,841.35

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Andrew W. Lewis—

Aboard the USS Nevada in the Pacific—Andrew W. Lewis, coxswain USNR, whose wife lives in Nevada City, is serving aboard this battleship which has written a glazing chapter in the history of World War II.

The only battleship to get under way during the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, she cleared the blazing USS Arizona and through a sea of flaming oil, passed by the USS Oklahoma. Nearing the Pearl Harbor entrance channel, she avoided Jap planes attempt to sink her and block the channel by runing aground in shallow water.

Raised from the bottom, she put in at a west coast port for repairs in April, 1942. From here the Nevada supported troop landing operations at Attu, and then steamed to European waters to participate in the Normandy invasion. After helping silence the German shore batteries, she steamed into the Mediterranean for the invasion of southern France in August, 1944.

After refitting in New York, the Nevada returned to the Pacific where her guns covered the operations against Iwo Jima.

She is now older than many of her crew. Her keel was laid down November 4, 1912, in the Fore River Shipyard, Quincy, Mass., and she was commissioned at the Charlestown Navy Yard, March 12, 1916.

Richard E. Tutttle—

Mrs. Richard E. Tuttle has had a thrill packed week.

Last week Lieut. Col. William V. Sutherlin at McClellan Field, Sacramento pinned on her the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with two oak leaves, which had been awarded her husband Tech. Sgt. Tuttle.

Thursday night the Sarge himself arrived in San Francisco after two and a half years overseas.

Sgt. Tuttle was a gunner in a crew of a B24 bomber and saw service in Africa, Italy and over continental Europe before he was shot down on October 1, 1943, in Austria. He has spent 19 months in a German prison camp and reached New York last week on the Queen Mary.

He receved the Flyng Cross for distinguishing himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in operations against Ploeste Oil Refineries in Rumania two years ago next month. This enlisted man, his citation reads, carried out his duties with such great skill and valor that the mission was attended with great success. His air medal and clusters were awarded for exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in 15 separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied continental Europe.

The young man who looks well and is reported to be fine and fit, is the son of Mrs. Raglan Tuttle, now living in this city and of the late Justice Tuttle of the Third District Court of Appeals. Before entering the army air corps he was a student at Hastings law college here.—Mildred Robbins in San Francisco Chronicle.

Oscar Engstrom—

Oscar Eric Engstrom Aviation Machinist's Mate First Class, USNR, of Nevada City, has returned to the United States on leave after a five month tour of combat duty in the Pacific aboard one of the navy's Essex class carriers.

Engstrom was attached to Air Group 84, which participated in many important missions, including invasion strikes at Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

In 6000 sorties against the Japs airmen of the unit smashed 234 enemy planes and sank or damaged more than 160,000 tons of shipping while striking at targets on the Jap mainland, Kyushu, the Philippines, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. During their war tour Air Group 84s pilots flew 547 missions to amass 21,927 pilot hours in combat.

Fighter pilots of the air group, which had its baptism of fire in the first carrier raids on Toyko, had their biggest day at Okinawa when they shot down 20 enemy planes. Proudest achievement of the torpedo plane pilots was nine torpedo hits on Japan's prize 45,000 ton battleship Yamato which was sunk while on its way to interfere with the Okinawa landings.

Engstrom 22 years old, is a son of Mrs. Olaf Jensen, Nevada City. His wife, Madeline Engstrom is connected with the Nevada County hospital.

Tom Legg—

Tom Legg, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Legg of this city, sound man first class in the U. S. Navy, briefly visited his home last week.

Legg has seen much of the war in both the Pacific and the Atlantic. Twice he has had his ship shot out from under him the Pacific, and on the invasion of Normandy his destroyer, the U. S. S. McCook, spearheaded the naval attack. He is now completing his fourth years in the navy. The exploits of the McCook on the Normandy invasion of France were described vividly in an article appearing a year ago the Saturday Evening Post.

Military and naval reserves in San Francisco occupy over three square miles.

Bank of America Deposits Total $4,522,553,000

Bank of America's statement of condition as of June 30, 1945, reflects continued growth during the half year in all departments of operation and an increase of $8,100,000 in capital funds, which now total $227,424,000. Common capital now totalling $100,000,000 reflects an increase of $40,000,000 representing the stock dividend declared on June 12. This new capital structure permits the bank to raise the ceiling on loans to any one borrower to $20,300,000 adding substantially to the bank's usefulness to business and industry for post war operations.

Total resources were $4,781,850,000 a gain of $806,357,000 over a year ago and $172,726,000 over December 30, 1944. Deposits totalled $4,522,553,000 an increase of $755,110,000 over a year ago and $172,014,000 since December 30. US War Loan deposits, which are included, were approximately $360,000,000.

Loans and discounts outstanding aggregated $931,247,000, an increase of $73,852,000 over a year ago and $36,811,000 durng the half year. Total securities amounted to $2,973,529,000 or $649,984,000 more than a year ago and an increase of $233,465,000 since December 30. This increase was largely in United States government obligations, and which at June 30 totalled $2,608,100,000.

Earnings for the half year were $20,509,000. From this total $4,977,000 was reserevd for depreciation of bank premises and other real estate and amortization of bond premiums and $212,000 was set up in reserves and applied to the revaluation of assets and the absorption of losses other than loans. Loan losses are charged to "reserve for bad debts" L. M. Giannini, president, pointed out, to which reserve an annual allocation is made at the year end for losses which may develope in the future. After charges of $237,000 for loan losses during the current semi-annual period the "reserve for bad debts" stood at $8,741,000.

After payment of $6,804,000 in dividends for the semi annual period at the annual rate of $1.60 per share on the 8,000,000 shares of the common stock outstanding after the stock dividend declared June 12, and $2 per share on the preferred stock, and after a profit sharing bonus of $400,000 to employees, capital funds were increased from earnings for the six months by $8,100,000.

COLUMBIA, July 5—All the glory due Columbia "Gem of the Southern Mines" located in the heart of the Mother Lode, just four miles north of Sonora in Tuolumne County will again be claimed by this quaint, historic ghost town when she rises to the height of her honor to serve California, gold state of the nation, as her capital on Sunday July 15th. To be true it will be only for one day, but in that one day will be crowded all of the glamor, lore, color, beauty and action that the people of this state can give her—for on that day Columbia will be officially designated as the capital of California, and during the ceremonies she will be declared a part of the state park system, in the presence of some ten thousand Californians.

State officials headed by Governor Earl Warren will set up headquarters in one of the historic buildings and here sign the bill, authorized by Senator Jesse M. Mayo of Angels Camp, and recently passed by the legislature officially creating the Columbia State Park. Many other events are scheduled for the day including a Calvavade of Transportation, tours, barbecue, band concerts, quadrilles and exhibits, and nation wide broadcasting by NBC.

The celebration will start Saturday night with a '49er dance. Beginning at 9 a. m. Sunday morning official guides will escort the visitors about the town telling them the history of Columbia, which is one of the most authentic, and best preserved of the California early gold days.

The first of two radio broadcasts commemorating the event over NBC will be from 10:30 to 11 a. m. on the Sloan program. Although the ceremony creating Columbia state park is scheduled to take place at 2:30 p. m. it will not be broadcast at that time. A transscription of the event will be made and rebroadcast over NBC Sunday evening at 9:30.

Reverence in keeping with the spirit of devotion to the supreme being which motivated the pioneers to build their churches, will be marked by the holding of services in the two historic churches that morning. St. Anne's Catholic Church, said to be the first brick church in California will be the setting in which his Grace Robert Armstrong, Bishop of the Sacramento Diocese, will celebrate mass at 11 o'clock. Simultaneously Dr. Tully C. Knoles, president of College of Pacific, Stockton, will deliver an address at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, which is said to be the oldest Presbyterian church in California still used as such.

The Calvacare of Transportation, will start promptly at 1:30 o'clock. There will be several bands, and vehicles and characters will range from the colorful years of '48 to the present time, including Indians, Chinese, Mexicans, prospectors and their jackasses, red shirted miners and their mules, Concord stage coaches, pheatons, covered wagons, desert schooners, thoroughbraces, carriages, buggies and carts. Many of the more modern vehicles will also be in the line of march. Governor Warren will be resplendent in a brightly polished Stanhope. Various organizations are engaging all the old vehicles obtainable and their members will be dressed in the finest of early day attire. Authenticity of vehicles and dress will be emphasized throughout the procession.

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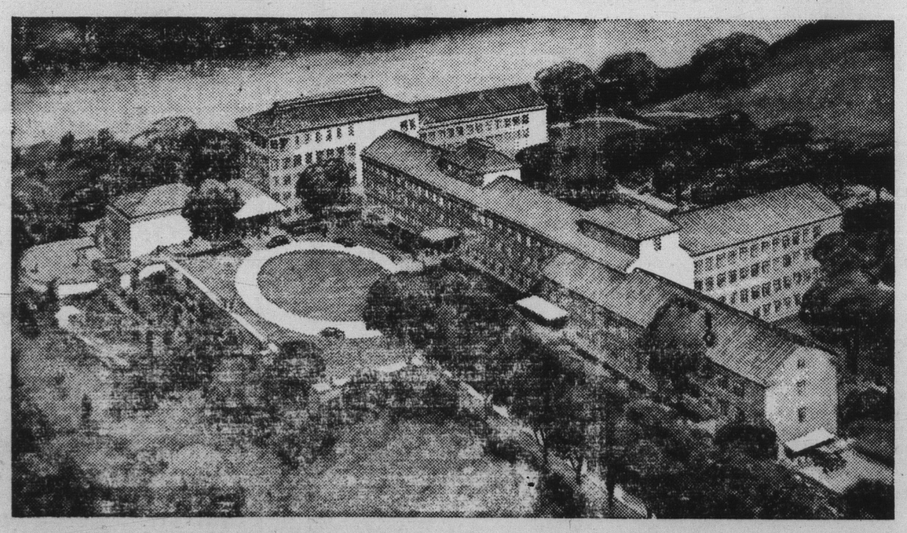

New 8-million-dollar G-E Research Laboratory will be built five miles east of Schenectady, New York, on the Mohawk River. The geographic location offers special advantages for television, high voltage x-ray, and radar research. Buildings with 300,000 square feet of floor space will accommodate an expanded postwar research staff of about 800. Research rooms will be a scientist's paradise of equipment for experiments in chemistry, physics, mechanics, electronics. It is hoped that construction can start in six months.

Hear the G-E radio programs: *The G-E All-girl Orchestra*, Sunday 10 p. m. EWT, NBC—*The World Today* news, Monday through Friday 6:45 p. m. EWT, CBS—*The G-E House Party*, Monday through Friday 4:00 p. m. EWT, CBS.

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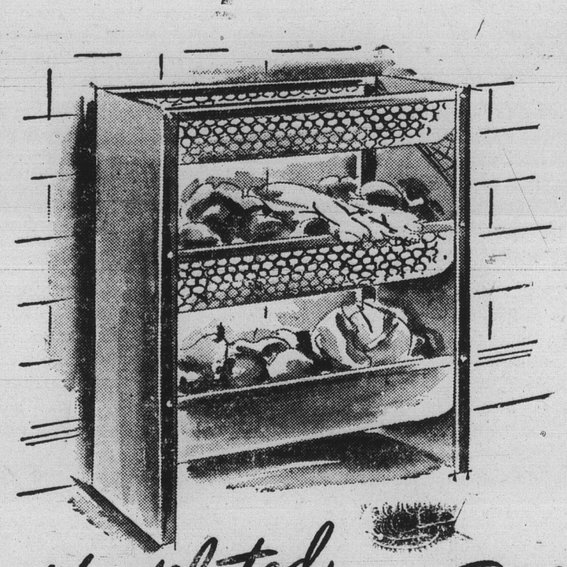

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